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### THE FARM PROGRAM CONTRIBUTES TO NATIONAL DEFENSE

In these days when the thinking all over the country is in terms of National Defense, AAA committeemen can hold their heads high. Through their efforts American agriculture probably is better prepared than any other industry in the United States to meet any emergency that may arise.

American farmers have been adjusting supplies of farm products to market demands. They have been doing this under a flexible farm program which allows for increases or decreases depending on the total supplies needed. Under the program they have made reductions amounting to over 30 million acres and they can make upward adjustments as great or greater. All this machinery is immediately available for the needs of National Defense.

The farmers have developed means of maintaining soil resources and of carrying reserve supplies of basic farm products. Six million farmers have made remarkable progress in conserving the soil resources on their farms. And for the first time it has been possible to store reserve supplies of farm products without having these reserves destroy farmers' income. We are carrying reserve supplies. We are maintaining soil fertility. Both of these are bulwarks of National Defense.

The organization of AAA is ideally suited to the needs of any plan of National Defense. All over the country, in every State, county, and community, are AAA committeemen, men who know local farm conditions, men who are used to meeting farmers and discussing national problems with them. To these men, reaching every farmer in the country at a moment's notice would be simply a routine matter. Last, but not least, these men are familiar with Government procedure. Farmers planned this set-up as a means of efficiently administering AAA programs; they can operate it just as efficiently in the face of any emergency; and they can do it without sacrificing democratic procedure.

*Am Evans*

COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN ON WGY RADIO PROGRAM

The program of Radio station WGY, Schenectady, New York, for the last six months of 1940 includes a ten-minute period for county ACP committees each first and third Thursday at 12:45 p.m. (D.S.T.) In this series, county committeemen from New York, New Hampshire, and Vermont will discuss local farm problems and the progress made by the AAA Farm Program in meeting these problems. The tentative program is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>County Committee</u>
July 18	What Has Happened to Our Farming?	Schoharie, N. Y.
August 1	Will Our Boys Want Our Farms?	Lamoille, Vt.
August 15	Building Soil for Tomorrow	Saratoga, N. Y.
Sept. 5	The Stuff of Which Pastures Are Made	Washington, N. Y.
Sept. 19	Meeting Competition in the Vegetable Market	Albany, N. Y.
Oct. 3	A Neglected Aspect of Dairying	Chenango, N. Y.
Oct. 17	Our Winter Feed Bill	Washington, Vt.
Nov. 7	Where Do Apples Fit Into the Conservation Program?	Ulster, N. Y.
Nov. 21	Facing the Potato Situation As It Is	Essex, Vt.
Dec. 5	Protecting Our Investment in Woodlands	Grafton, N. H.

"Conservation -- This Year and Next" is the subject of the December 19 broadcast. It will be a summary of accomplishments in 1940 and plans for 1941 in the Northeast and will be given by W. F. Sinclair, Chairman of the Vermont State committee, Carl Wooster, Chairman of the New York State Committee, and A. W. Manchester, Director of the Northeast Division.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JULY 10, 11, AND 12

The 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program will be planned at a National Conference of State Committeemen to be held in Washington, D. C. July 10, 11, and 12. Committeemen in the Northeast began preparing for this conference months ago. County and community committeemen have made suggestions based on their experience with the program in their counties, and State committees have used these county suggestions in preparing State recommendations. The State recommendations will be thoroughly discussed at a regional conference of State committeemen, Executive officers, and Extension Directors, to be held at Trenton, N. J., July 8 and 9.

STATE COMMITTEEMEN ON NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR

During the National Conference, July 10, 11, and 12, the National Farm and Home Hour will feature a daily Triple-A broadcast by State committeemen. In the broadcasts, 16 States a day for three days will be represented in these brief "roll call" reports. Listen for your State committeeman.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE PREPARES COUNTY ASSOCIATION HANDBOOK

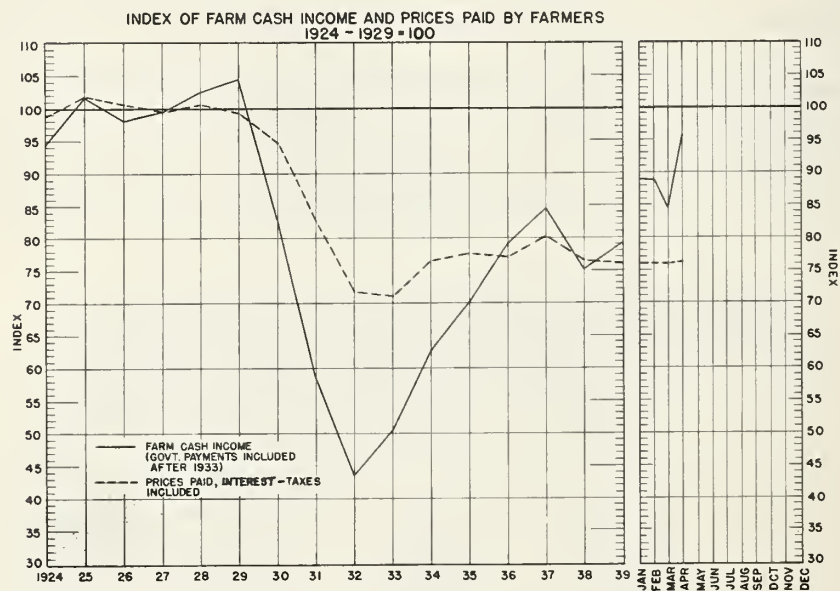
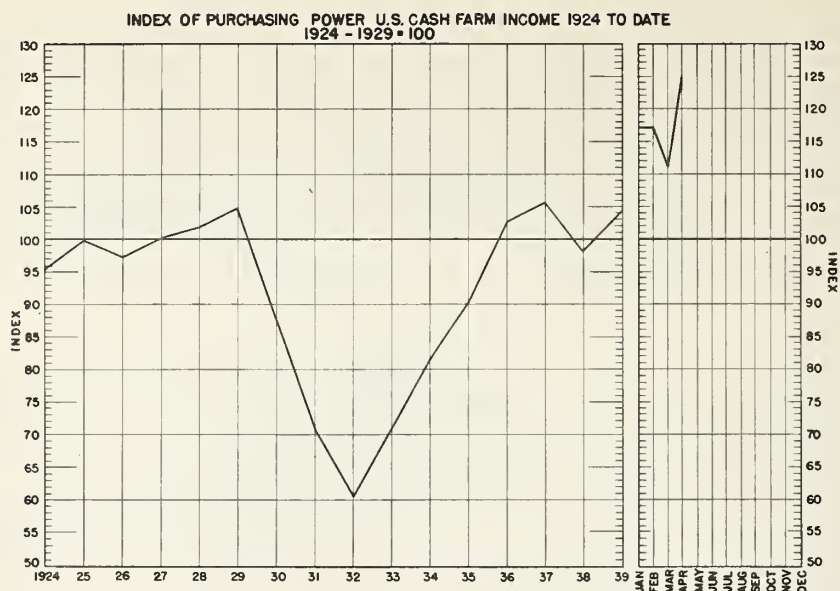
Carrying out the policy of having regulations reviewed in advance by the persons to whom the regulations will apply, a representative group of county office clerks, county committeemen, county administrative assistants, district field men, and State office employees spent four days in Washington last month formulating a new compilation of the rules affecting county offices. These rules have heretofore been embodied in a great number of memoranda. Under the new plan, they will be brought together in convenient reference form into a county association handbook. The members of the committee are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>State</u>
Mrs. Rena L. Brooks	County Office Clerk	New Hampshire
Jessica A. Boulia	"	Vermont
Ernest W. Skilton	County Committeeman	Connecticut
Chas. Parker	"	New York
Paul H. Fissel	"	Pennsylvania
Leo M. Daigle	County Adm. Assistant	Maine
Richard F. Kenyon	"	Rhode Island
L. C. Thomas	"	Pennsylvania
Henry C. Anderson	District Field Man	Maine
L. C. Kimball	"	Massachusetts
H. Earl Propst	"	New Jersey
Mrs. Bertha Saunders	State Office	Vermont
W. T. Grams	"	New York

FARMER PARTICIPATION IN ACP STILL INCREASING

State	<u>Number of Farms Earning Payments</u>				No. of Farms signed up June 1, 1940
	1936	1937	1938	1939 (est.)	
Maine	6,588	10,648	14,744	16,753	20,467
New Hampshire	2,763	5,380	5,162	8,404	10,057
Vermont	5,702	6,430	8,620	12,912	14,196
Massachusetts	2,998	7,318	7,549	10,460	13,976
Rhode Island	142	514	589	959	1,317
Connecticut	3,582	4,931	4,722	6,507	9,226
New York	35,466	48,905	43,398	53,037	76,434
New Jersey	3,795	11,558	11,760	11,994	13,809
Pennsylvania	37,802	54,568	56,817	70,169	89,501
Northeast Region	98,838	150,252	153,361	191,195	248,983





The purchasing power of farmers' income is determined both by farmers' money income and the prices paid for the things farmers buy. The above charts show the changes in each of these items since 1924, and visualize the disastrous relationship during the worst of the depression and the substantial gains since that time.